DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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Proposed Information Collection (Application for Standard Government Headstone or Marker for Installation in a Private or State Veterans' Cemetery) Activity: Comment Request

AGENCY: National Cemetery Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: The National Cemetery Administration (NCA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection for which approval has expired, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the information needed to obtain a government headstone, grave marker or medallion.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before [Insert date 60 days after date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through www.Regulations.gov; or to Mechelle Powell, National Cemetery Administration (40D),

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Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420; or e-mail: mechelle.powell@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0222" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mechelle Powell at (202) 461-4114 or Fax (202) 273-6695.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501 – 21), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, NCA invites comments on: (1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of NCA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of NCA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Titles:

a. Application for Standard Government Headstone or Marker for Installation in a

Private or State Veterans' Cemetery, VA Form 40-1330.

b. Claim for Government Medallion for Installation in a Private Cemetery, VA Form

40-1330M.

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<u>Type of Review</u>: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstracts:

a. The next of kin or other responsible parties of deceased Veterans complete VA

Form 40-1330 to apply for Government provided headstones or markers for

unmarked graves.

b. A family member complete VA Form 40-1330M to apply for a Government

medallion to be affixed to privately purchased headstone or marker for a

deceased Veteran buried in a private cemetery.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 93,500 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 374,000.

DATED: June 3, 2013

By direction of the Secretary:

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Crystal Rennie, VA Clearance Officer, Enterprise Records Service, Office of Information Security,

Office of Information and Technology, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

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